

Noise ordinance

Council tables students' amendment proposal

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The Chapel Hill Town Council voted unanimously on April 29 to reject student-proposed amendments to the town's noise ordinance, and also voted to create a committee to study Chapel Hill's noise problem.

The changes, proposed to the council by Student Body President Brian Bailey, would have made the noise ordinance less restrictive. The present ordinance, which was approved unanimously by the Council in February, limits outdoor parties to noise levels of 70 decibels and sets the cutoff time for Friday and Saturday night parties at midnight.

Bailey proposed changes that would have raised the maximum

noise level to 80 decibels and changed the cutoff time to 1:00 a.m.

The proposed amendment passed by a 5-4 vote at the April 13 meeting of the Town Council but required a second vote to make it official because of the narrow margin of approval. The second vote was scheduled for the April 29 meeting.

Before the meeting, however, Bailey and Vice Chancellor Donald Boulton approached council members and asked them to table the proposed amendment or remove it from consideration, said council member Bill Thorpe.

"We knew (the proposal) was going to get rejected," Bailey said. "It had been a loud week (off-campus)."

Instead of voting on the amendment, the council voted to table

it, so the original ordinance remains in effect. The council then voted to form a committee comprised of students, faculty members, and residents of Chapel Hill to discuss possible revisions of the ordinance.

Council member Julie Andresen, who voted against the amendment originally, said the problem had not been studied enough and the committee should help solve the problem.

"The staff hadn't had time to review (the proposal)," she said. "Also, the changes didn't seem to be a good idea."

The committee is expected to reach a compromise between students who enjoy late-night

parties and Chapel Hill residents who are concerned with rising nighttime noise levels.

"I think the committee will work well if it investigates noise in the community itself instead of just talking about decibels," said council member R.D. Smith. "I suggest people come out and listen to the noise at night from my front porch or from the University."

"It's important to come up with something that's fair to both parties," said Andresen.

The council did not place a time limit on the committee, which is still being formed, but Smith said the council hopes to have the committee's recommendations before the fall semester begins.

Student parking permits are available for summer

The Office of Traffic and Motor Vehicle Registration began issuing student parking permits for the first summer session Monday on a first-come, first-serve basis.

As of Tuesday afternoon, permits for A-lot on North Campus had been sold out, traffic office supervisor Dana Work said. No other lots had been sold out, Work said.

Student permits for the summer range in price from \$39 to \$10, Work said. A, I and S5 parking lot permits are \$39. Permits for J, K, L and M parking lots are

\$36.

The traffic office will sell permits for the second summer session on June 29. Parking permit prices will increase for the second session because the University's new fiscal year begins then, Work said.

Some lots may be reserved for the Olympic Festival in late July, Work said.

All parking regulations are enforced during both summer sessions, except during registration, on weekends, and after 5 p.m.

Schools hold ceremonies for graduates

By **MICHAEL JACKSON**
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Several University academic departments and schools held special ceremonies honoring graduates Sunday afternoon following the annual commencement in Kenan Stadium.

Speakers during the School of Journalism's ceremony held in Hill Hall included Scott Fowler, the top student in the news—editorial sequence, and Kelly Trawartha, the top student in the advertising sequence. "We think it is important to have a ceremony like this because it is much more personal to hand out diplomas and to recognize students individually," said Professor Thomas Bowers, associate dean of the School of Journalism.

"We have (held a special ceremony) for the Masters of Business Administration for probably 15 years," said Professor John Evans of the School of Business Administration. Each graduating MBA class has the choice of having and planning a special ceremony, which the classes have always elected to do, he said.

"The principle reason we have the ceremony is so students can receive their diplomas with a certain amount of pomp and ceremony," Evans said. "You just can not do that in Kenan Stadium with so many people participating." The business school ceremony was held in Great Hall of the Carolina Union.

"The ceremony is also good for the families," said Ken May, director of admissions for the School of Dentistry. The Honors Convocation ceremony was the school's 34th and was held in Memorial Hall.

"We feel that it is important that the students be recognized for the work that they have done and for the extra year they have gone to school," said May. The commencement ceremony in Kenan Stadium is fine, he said, but the students do not actually receive their degrees there.

Other departments and schools, including the departments of computer science, mathematics, chemistry and classics, and the schools of law, library science, nursing, public health, pharmacy and medicine held receptions and special ceremonies after the commencement exercises.

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